

Coke-Garrett House Historical Report, Block 27 Building 1 Lot 279-280

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COKE-GARRETT HOUSE *(Block 27 Bldg. 1 - Colonial Lots 279, 280)*

According to the available records it seems that the first owner of the Coke-Garrett lots was William Sherman (Sharman, Sharnan) a baker. On June 18, 1708, Sherman bargained to sell house and property to Joseph Chermeson by a deed of lease:

June 18, 1708.

"Sherman, William - Baker to
Chermeson, Joseph
Consideration: 5 shillings.

All that his two lots or one acre of land lying and being in the City of Williamsburg, near her Majesties Queen Anne's Royal Capitol, with all houses, outhouses, kitchens, barnes, stables & erections of what kind or fashion soever, and numbered 279, 280."

(Abstract, York County Records, Volume II - Deeds, Bonds, p. 296.)

The following day the deed of release was recorded and the transaction became legal:

" June 19, 1708.

Know all men by these presents that I, William Sharman of the city of Williamsburgh...have ordained, Constituted & appointed...M^r Benjamin Weldon...my true & Lawful Attorney...and whensoever so requested by M^r Joseph Chermeson his heirs or Assigns then there to acknowledge to the said Joseph Chermeson his heirs as my voluntary Act and Deed Indentures of sale by way of Lease and Release for my two Lotts or one Acre of Land lying and being situate in the City of Williamsburgh with all Houses...sold...to the said Joseph Chermeson... by me the said William by Indenture bearing Date with the present..."

(Abstract, York County Records, Book 13 - Deeds, Orders, Wills, p. 148.) Rec. June 24, 1708

Another recording of this property tells us that Chermeson bought it from Sherman for fifty pounds sterling:

"W^m Sharnan of City of Wmsburgh Baker
to
Joseph Chermeson of Co of James City

On June 18 for sold to J. Chermeson his 2 lots of land 279 & 280 Lying & being Scituate near Queen Anne's Royall Capitol in the City of Williamsburgh with all Kitchens Barnes & Stables with all manner of Buildings & Erections of what Kind belonging unto the said Joseph Chermeson For 50 pounds ster^g of Lawfull Money of England by Chermeson to Sharnan and to the Severall Persons by him appointed...

At a Court held Aug, 24, 1708"

(Abstract, York County Records, Book II - Deeds, pp. 296-298.)

On March 24, 1708/9 (York County Records, Book 13, Deeds, Orders, Wills, p. 212) Chermeson was granted a "Lycence to keep

an Ordinary at Williamsburgh." We do not know whether he was living on lots 279 and 280 at this time — in 1712 he was living on his "plantation" near the city. However, we have no record of his owning property other than lots 279 and 280 *in Williamsburg*.

In January, 1709/10, lots 279 and 280 were again deeded to Joseph Chermeson by the Feoffees of the City of Williamsburg. We do not understand how the property, already apparently in Chermeson's possession, reverted to the city, unless the buildings standing on the property were not of sufficient size to hold the two lots. The lots may have thus reverted to the trustees of the city, and have been promptly taken up again by Chermeson for the consideration of 1 Pound 10 shillings - which would be more in the nature of a fine than the purchase price. The building clause is mentioned in the deed of release as follows:

January 24, 1709/10

"Feoffes to Chermeson, Joseph

Consideration: 1 Pound - 10 shillings.

Two certain lots of ground in the city of Williams-burg designed in the plot of the said city by the figures 279, 280. Shall build according to Act of Assembly October 23, 1705"

(Abstract, York County Records, Vol. II - Deeds, Bonds, p. 348.)

[The deed of lease was entered January 23, 1709/10.]

At the time of Chermeson's death, in 1712, he was living on his "plantation," which he left to his wife and daughter. He ordered his executors to sell his house and two lots in Williamsburg. His will, in part, follows:

April 30, 1712.

Chermeson, Joseph - Will
of Bruton Parish

...

"I give to my loving wife Elizabeth Chermeson and to my daughter Elizabeth Chermeson my dwelling house and plantation I now live upon with all lands, houses ~~and~~ & appurtenances thereunto belonging being 150 acres to be equally divided between them...All the rest of the property to be equally divided between the wife and daughter, when the latter attains the age of 21 or marries and at the death of the mother the whole both land and personal to go to the daughter. If the daughter should die before 21, the property to go to Claude Rouviere, if he should die to Richard Kendall...

I do request & empower my Exec^s hereafter named to Sell & Convey my houses ~~and the~~ & Two Lotts of Land w^{ch} I have in the City of W~~illia~~-msburgh by way of Outcry for Money towards payment of my debts as soon as conveniently ~~...~~ can be after my decease." [Also desires plantation called Hotwaters sold. Wife and Claude Rouviere appointed executors.]

Probated June 16, 1712.

(Abstract, York County Records, Book 14 - Orders, Wills, p. 173.)

(See [Illustration #1](#), Appendix for inventory of Chermeson's estate.)

Besides lots 279 and 280, Chermeson had other lands in Bruton Parish, adjoining the plantation on which he lived. ¹

The next owner of lots 279 and 280 was David Cunningham, who was a barber and a peruke maker. He acquired them in May, 1713. A David Cunningham was granted ordinary licenses for his "now Dwelling house in Williamsburgh" on January 19, 1712/13 (York County Records, Book 14 - Orders, Wills, ~~p. 225~~ pp 217, 225), March 15, 1713/14 (*Ibid.*, p. 318), and September 17, 1716 (*Ibid.*, Book 15 - Orders, Wills, p. 30). The first date of an ordinary license is before Cunningham gained legal possession to lots 279 and 280. No record has been found of his owning other property in Williamsburg before May, 1713, so we can only speculate as to where he kept his ordinary. It is possible that he could have been renting this property from Chermeson, as Chermeson lived on his plantation, and not in Williamsburg, in 1712.

The following deed of lease was recorded May 7, 1713:

May 7, 1713

Claude Rovierre &) Executors

Eliza Chermeson) Joseph

widow) Chermeson

to

David Cunningham, Barber

of city of Williamsburg

"Whereas Joseph Chermeson by his will dated April 13, 1712 ordered his `houses & my Two Lotts of Land' in the city of

Williamsburg to be sold by way of outcry towards payment of debts. In consideration of 5 shillings current money of Va. To sell all those `his houses & Two Lotts of Land with all their appurtenances' ...in the city of Williamsburg near the Capital...granted to Joseph Chermeson by deed of sale by way of lease & release executed by feoffes designed in plat by figures 279 & 280."

(Abstract, York County Records, Vol. II - Deeds, Bonds, p. 418.)

On May 8th, the next day, the release was recorded and the legal transaction was completed:

May 8, 1713

Rouvierre, Claude) Executors
Chermoson, Elizabeth) Joseph Chermoson
widow
to
Cunningham, David - Barber
Consideration: 45 pounds.

"All those two lots of land with dwelling house and outhouses which was the said testators at the time of his death, lying and being in the City of Williamsburgh, on the back side of ye Capitol near ye Public Goal...designed in the plot of the said city by the figures 279, 280...with all Gardens, Orchards, Yards, Backsides, Way Waters, Emolluments, Commoditys, Priviledges, Profitts, Common of Pasture, hereditaments & appurtenances with all its Royalties of Hunting, Hawking, Fishing & Fowleing..."

(Abstract, York County Records, Vol. II - Deeds, Bonds, pp. 419-420.)

This is the first description of these lots as being on the "back side of ye Capitol near ye Public Goal." On May 18, 1713, Cunningham received acknowledgement of these two lots from Chermeson's executors:

May 18, 1713.

Rouviere, Claude)Executors
Chermeson, Elizabeth) Joseph Chermeson
to
Cunningham, David.

"in open Court presented & acknowledged their deeds of Lease & Release of two Lotts of Land lying in Williamsburgh in this County to David Cuningham & the s^d Eliz^a did also Relinquish her Right & title of Dower therein w^{ch} s^d deeds & Relinquishm^t on the s^d Cuningham motion is ordered to be recorded—"

(Abstract, York County Records, Book 14 - Orders, Wills, p. 246.)

Cunningham died in January or February, 1719/20. His will is dated January 13, 1719/20, and was presented at court on February 15, 1719/20. In his will he requested that the lots be sold to help pay off his debts.

[Jan 13, 1719/20]

Cunningham's Will:

"In the Name of God Amen. I David Cuningham of the City of Williamsburgh Barber being very sick... Imprimis my Will...is that my Lotts & houses lying and being in the City of Williamsburgh be sold by Auction or Otherwise by my Executors hereafter named for the satisfaction of my just Debts & funeral Charges and that my Negroe women named Mary Aggy and my Two white servants named James Minnis and James Spense, together with all my shop Tools belonging to my Occupation of Barber and peruke maker be also sold by Auction for the purposes afores^d, and the re~~mainder~~ ^{residue} of the money ^{xⁱ} ~~illegible~~^t after paying my debts and funeral expenses be equally divided between my son David & my Daughter Jane Cuningham to be paid to them...when they attain the age of 21 and 18 years respectively or marry..."
Presented at Court Feb. 15, 1719 /20 .

(Abstract, York County Records, Book 15 - Orders Wills, p. 562.) (See [Illustration #1](#), Appendix, for inventory of Cunningham's estate.)

Pursuant to his will the lots were sold in 1720; one to Nathaniel Newton, and the other to George Newton. The Newtons were brothers (*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* , XXIX, 517). The deed of lease was contracted , December 16, 1720, and is as follows:

December 16, 1720.

Robertson, William) Executors Surviving Excrs
Cobbs, Samuel) David Cuningham [illegible] of the County Barber
to
Newton, George of the County of [illegible]
Consideration: 5 Shillings.

"All that lot of land lying and being in the City of Williamsburg near the Capitol in the County of York, designed in the plot of the said city by the figures 280, and all houses, buildings, gardens, orchards, & fences..."

(Abstract, York County Records, Vol. III - Deeds, Bonds, pp. 348-350.) Rec. Feb 20, 172 [cut off]

On December 17, 1720, the deed of release was recorded. The lot (280) sold for 75 pounds (York County Records, Vol. III - Deeds, Bonds, pp. 348-350).

At the same time lot 279 was purchased by Nathaniel Newton. The deed of lease, with a consideration of 5 shillings, was signed December 16, 1720 (York County Records, Vol. III - Deeds, Bonds, pp. 350-351). The deed of release was entered the following day:

December 17, 1720

Robertson, William) Surviving Exrs Executors
Cobbs, Samuel) David Cuningham lots of Wmsbg barber
to
Newton, Nathaniel of County of Norfolk [illegible]
Consideration: 75 pounds. C M

"All that lot of land lying and being in the city of Williamsburg near the capitol, denoted in the plot of the said city by the figures 279 and all gardens, yards, fences & other improvements formerly belonging to David Cuningham, deceased."

(Abstract, York County Records, Vol. III - Deeds, Bonds, pp. 350-351. Rec Feb 20, 1720/21)

The interesting facts about these two deeds is the selling price and the description of the lots. When Cunningham bought the lots the price for both was 45 pounds (1713). Seven years later they were selling for 75 pounds each. Lot 280 is described as having "houses, buildings," but these are not mentioned as being on lot 279. It is not known whether the Newtons ever lived on these lots - they seem to have been Norfolk inhabitants (*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* , Vol. XXIX, p. 517). On February 20, 1720/21 Nathaniel Newton and George Newton each received acknowledgment of one lot of land in Williamsburg (York County Records, Book 16 - Orders, Wills, p. 9).

John Mundell, Goaler, appears to be the next owner of these lots. Very little is known about Mundell, but he may be the John Mundell referred to as coming to this country in 1716 as a prisoner. A shipload of rebel prisoners was landed at Yorktown; some were indentured and some not. These prisoners were probably some of the followers of the Pretender to the English throne (son of James II) who were captured and sent to Virginia. Mundell was not indentured. (*Calendar of Virginia State Papers* , Vol. I, pp. 185-186.) The following is probably a deed of release, and is the only one we have for this period:

November 15, 1742.

Newton, George - Gent. of Norfolk
to
Mundell, John - Goaler
Consideration: 6 Pounds Current Money of Va.

"All that lot of land lying and being in the city of Williamsburg near the Capitol, in the county of York, designed in the plot of the said city by the figures 280, together with all appurtenances thereunto belonging and all papers, deeds and minuments belonging to the same."

(Abstract, York County Records, Book V - Deeds, p. 43.)

On December 15, 1742, Newton received the six pounds. (Ibid., p. 44.)

Mundell also acquired lot 279, but this deed has not been found. In his will he requested that his lots and houses be sold:

[July 3, 1745.]

Mundell, John - Will
Williamsburgh.

"...

Item. I give and devise all my houses and lots of land in the city of Williamsburgh and my negro wench Venus and her Daughter Bea ~~and her little girl~~, to my good friend John Blair... to be sold by him and money arising from such sale to be applied to the payment of my bond due him first, and then towards the payment of a debt due to the widow Woodings estate."

Proved July 15, 1745. John Mundell (L.S.) Coke - Adm Cooke or Blair, Exec

(Abstract, York County Records, Book 20 - Wills, Inventories, p. 34.)

After Mundell's death the lots were sold at a public sale in December, 1745, to Joseph Cocke. It never became a legal transaction because the deed was not recorded and Cocke did not pay the price asked (60 pounds). In 1748 Andrew Anderson bought the property, and the following deed explains this rather complicated situation:

August 11, 1748

Blair, John - Hon. - exor. John Mundell of Williamsburgh

Cocke, Joseph - Joiner

Anne, his wife

to

Anderson, Andrew - Barber of the city

Consideration: 60 Pounds, to John Blair & 5 shillings to Joseph Cocke

" ~~AND~~ WHEREAS since the death of the said John Mundell at a Public Sale of the said Lotts the said Joseph Cocke was the Highest Bidder for the Sum of Sixty Pounds,' John Blair ~~and~~ together with Frances Mundell, widow, who was entitled to dower in lots by deed dated Dec. 10, 1745, did convey said lots and appurtenances to Joseph Cocke but 60 pounds was not paid nor deed recorded according to law. Now John Blair, Joseph Cocke and Anne his wife for the sum of 60 pounds paid to John Blair and 5 shillings to Joseph Cocke do release to Andrew Anderson above lots and all houses, outhouses, edifices... *[illegible]*

All those two lots or half acres of land lying and being on the North side of Nicholson Street adjoining to the East on the lots of John Coke and on the West to the lots whereon the public Goal is erected and to the North by the extreme bounds of the said city, and denoted in the plan of the said city by the numbers 279, 280, lately belonging to John Mundell, deceased."

Proved August 15, 1748

(Abstract, York County Records, Book V - Deeds, pp. 254-256.)

The interesting feature about these deeds is the fluctuation in the value of the two lots. In 1720, when the Newton brothers bought these lots, they paid 75 pounds each for them. In 1742, Mundell pays 6 pounds for one of the lots. However, Anderson pays 60 pounds for both lots. The explanation for this decrease and increase in value is not known; perhaps a fire destroyed some of the buildings and then they were rebuilt. In this deed we also note that this is the first time that all four boundaries of the property are given.

The Waller Map of 1749 does not show these two lots. Just what use Anderson made of these lots cannot be ascertained. He may have rented them or lived there. An advertisement in the *Virginia Gazette* (1752) concerning these lots near the Capitol show that he was willing to sell the property. Anderson carried on his business of barber and peruke maker at his house on "main Street."

" To be SOLD, on Wednesday the 10th Instant, to the highest Bidder, A HOUSE, situate on the main Street in Williamsburg, where the Subscriber now keeps Shop; also two Lots of Land near the Capitol, adjoining to Mr. John Coke 's. Six Months Credit will be allowed, the Buyer giving Security, as usual, to Andrew Anderson. ..." (*Virginia Gazette* , Hunter, June 5, 1752.)

This advertisement did not bring results and he advertised it *again* in the *Virginia Gazette* , Hunter, September 29, 1752:

"...

N. B. He also has Two Lots of Land, adjoining to Mr. John Coke 's, in Williamsburg, to be sold to the highest Bidder. Six Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchaser giving Bond, as usual, to Andrew Anderson."

During his lifetime the house was not sold, and it was not until 1754 that a purchaser was found:

[December 1, 1754]

Webb, John Pearson - only acting Executor of
Anderson, Andrew- deceased.
Barber and peruke maker of Williamsburg
to
Ford, Christopher, Jr. - Carpenter
Consideration: [38 Pounds]

" ... whereas the ~~figures~~ ^[illegible] in his lifetime and at the time of his death was ^[illegible] Two certain lots or half acres of land lying and being in city of Williamsburg on the North side of Nicholson Street, bounded on the East by the lots of John Coke, on the West by the lots whereon the Public Goal is erected and to the North by the extreme bounds of said City,... and denoted in the plan of the said city by the ~~figures~~ number 279 and 280. and the said Andrew Anderson "

(Abstract, York County Records, Book 6 - Deeds, pp. 13-14.)

Within three months Ford had leased the lots to John Coke. This rounded out Coke's property on Nicholson Street. Coke already owned lots 281 and 282, having acquired them in 1740, ¹and he may have had a tavern on this property:

February 5, 1755.

Ford, Jr., Christopher
Carpenter - Williamsburg^h

to
Coke, John - Tavern Keeper
Williamsburg
Consideration: 32 pounds current money.

"All those two lot^ts or half acres of land lying and being in the city of Williamsburg aforesaid on the North side of Nicholson Street bounded on the East by the lots of said John Coke and on the West by the lots whereon the Public Goal is erected on the North by the extreme bounds of the said City, which said two lots are denoted in the plan of the said city by the numbers 279 and 280, and were sold and conveyed unto the said Christopher Ford by John Pearson Webb, acting executor of the last will and testament of Andrew Anderson, dec'd. by indenture bearing date Dec. 1, past " (York County Records, Book 6 - Deeds, p. 15.)

The following Historical and Genealogical Notes are taken from the William and Mary Quarterly, First Series, VII, 128, and tell us a little about John Coke and his family:

"John Coke, who settled in Williamsburg in 1724, is identified by his letters and receipts for legacies, preserved by the English branch...His will, proved November 16, 1767, names his two sons, Samuel and Robie Coke, and wife Sarah. He owned a plantation on the main road leading from Williamsburg down to the Capitol Landing and five lots, or half acres of ground, whereon he lived, facing the capitol and joining the public jail, and the main road leading to the Capitol Landing. His personal estate was valued at £772. 18s. Id. Samuel Coke married Judith Brown (born May 26, 1746), daughter of John Brown, M. D. (will proved in Norfolk county), and Judith, his wife (probably Judith Armistead, as she had a daughter Sally Armistead)...Bruton Register has births: Richard, son of John and Sarah Coke, born August 3, 1739-'40. Roby, son of John and Sarah Coke, born October 23, 1745..."

In the deeds of the York County Records John Coke is listed as a goldsmith and a tavern keeper (Deed Book 4, September 11, 1740, p. 610; Deed Book 5, January 21, 1743, p. 98; Deed Book 6, February 5, 1755, p. 15). Further proof of this is found in the York County Records, Book 22 - Wills, Inventories, p. 36:

"The estate of Mr. Thomas Penman to Anthony Hay's Estate.
August 18, 1759.

...
Dec 5 To paid John Coke for Punch and wine at the 1759 funeral 0/17/3
..."

In the Manuscript Apothecary Account Book on file in the Department of Research is an account with "Mr Coke Silver Smith." The dates are illegible but it is probably about 1743. Volume III of Tyler's Quarterly, p. 298, states that John Coke was a goldsmith in Williamsburg before 1744.

John Coke died sometime between 1764 and 1767. The former is the date of his will and the latter the probated date. Undoubtedly he had acquired full legal possession of lots 279 and 280, as he devised them to his son, Robey, in his will.

Coke, John - Will.

"Item. I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Coke, my plantation containing 200 acres, more or less, lying on both sides of the Main Road which leads from the city of Williamsburg down to the Capitol Landing commonly called Queen Mary's Port, to him and his heirs forever.

...

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Robey Coke all the houses and 5 lots or half acres of ground whereon I now live in the City of Williamsburg facing the Capitol and joining the Public Goal and on the other side to the Main Road which leads to the Capitol Landing, to him and his heirs forever.

...

Item. I give to my loving wife [Sarah Coke] the remaining part of my estate both real and personal, during her life...then to be equally divided between my two sons...I do appoint my loving wife & my son Samuel Coke ¹executor..."
Signed May 18, 1764.

Presented
November 16, 1767.

(Abstract, York County Records, Book 21 - Wills, Inventories, p. 366.)

John Coke's widow attempted to keep her husband's business of tavern keeping going. She advertised as follows:

"SARAH COKE,
BEGS leave to inform those Gentlemen who were so kind as to favour her deceased husband with their custom that they may depend on receiving the same entertainment as formerly." ([Virginia Gazette](#) , Purdie & Dixon, October 15, 1767.)

By 1769 the executors were advertising John Coke's personal things for sale and the houses in Williamsburg for rent:

" To be SOLD by publick auction, on Thursday the 2^d of FEBRUARY next, at the late dwelling-house of JOHN COKE, deceased, in Williamsburg,
ALL his HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN FURNITURE, several valuable SLAVES, with the stocks of CATTLE, HORSES, and SHEEP; also a quantity of CORN and FODDER. At the same time will be sold, or rented, a plantation lying on both sides of the road to the Capitol landing, containing upwards of 200 acres; it is exceeding good land, and in order for cropping. Credit will be allowed for all sums above five pounds until the 20th of *October* next, the purchasers giving bond and security to
SARAH COKE, Executrix.
SAMUEL COKE, Executor.
The HOUSES in *Williamsburg* will be rented at the same time, on reasonable terms." ([Virginia Gazette](#) , Purdie & Dixon, January 12, 1769.)

This description of John Coke's possessions shows us that he was a man of means. It has already been noted that his estate was valued at £772. 18s. 1d., (William and Mary Quarterly, First Series, VII, 128). (See Appendix for inventory of the estate of John Coke.)

Richard Hunt Singleton took advantage of this advertisement and within a month had rented the house:

"RICHARD H. SINGLETON
BEGS leave to acquaint the publick that he intends immediately to open TAVERN in the house lately occupied by Mrs. *Sarah Coke*, opposite the north side of the Capitol, in *Williamsburg*; where those Gentlemen who formerly resorted that house, and others who please to favour him with their custom, may depend on having genteel lodgings and good entertainment, he being determined to do every thing in his power to give satisfaction, and ensure their future favours. He likewise proposes boarding young Gentlemen, by the year." ([Virginia Gazette](#) , Purdie & Dixon, February 9, 1769.)

Two years later, in 1771, Robey Coke offered the houses and lots for sale through an agent, Richard Brown, of Norfolk:

"To be SOLD at publick Auction, on Tuesday the 19th of next Month, pursuant to a Deed of Trust from Robey Coke to the Subscriber,
ALL the HOUSES, and five LOTS of LAND, whereon the late *John Coke*, deceased, lived, in the City of *Williamsburg*, at present occupied by Mr. *Richard Hunt Singleton*. The Terms will be agreed on at the Sale, which will be on the Premises. Tdf. RICHARD BROWN."
NORFOLK, January 26.([Virginia Gazette](#) , Purdie & Dixon, January 31, 1771.)

Two months later Singleton had moved to Colonel Johnson's House behind the home of Mr. Waller ([Virginia Gazette](#) , Purdie & Dixon, March 7, 1771.)

From this point forward the history of the Cokes is very obscure. But it can be assumed that the houses and lots were not sold, because Sarah and Robey seem to have occupied them during the Revolution. Both lent valuable aid to the American cause during the Revolution and Sarah rented her house to the army, as seen below:

Williamsburg, February 7, 1776

"[A Warr't] to Robey Coke for £8.11.9 — Do. — for Repairing Waggons and making Rammers."
(*Calendar of Virginia State Papers* , VIII, 77.)

Williamsburg, July 4, 1776

"A Warrent to Robey Coke for £16.14.4 for mounting cannon, &c.; also for use Sarah Coke £2, for house rent to army."
(*Ibid.*, 237.)

"...

A petition of Sarah Coke was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that on the 18th of November 1775, her dwelling house was appropriated as barracks for a company of soldiers, for which she was to be allowed after the rate of 45⁴ per annum during their continuance therein; that she has sustained considerable damage in her said house from the troops being stationed therein, and praying to be reimbursed for the same, and to be paid the rent aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

..." (*Journal of the House of Delegates* , p. 10, Wednesday, May 14, 1777.)

[June 10, 1777]

"Coke, Robey, for helving Axes for the use of the Militia in Williamsburg, -.14.6"

(*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* , VII, 152, "Virginia Militia in the Revolution.")

The Williamsburg City Land Book for the years 1782 and 1784 show that Robey Coke was taxed for three lots of land:

Name	Year	No. of Lots	Value	Tax
Robey Coke	1782	3	3£ 10s 2d	
Robey Coke	1784	3	3£	6d

(Virginia State Library - Commissioner's names not given.)

In the files of the Department of Research Robey Coke is listed as the head of a family of 8 whites and 10 blacks for the year 1782, and Sarah had 4 whites in the same year. Also in the files is a "list of tithables in that part of Williamsburg lying in York County for the year 1792," and Sarah Coke is listed as having one.

Robey Coke evidently died before January, 1791, as he is referred to then as "deceased" (York County Records, Deed Book VI, 457; deed between Benjamin and Catharine Waller and Samuel Crawley).

The Frenchman's Map of c. 1782 shows two large houses northeast of the Capitol and several outbuildings. (See appendix.) The College Map (Unknown Draftman's Map) of c. 1790; the Bucktrout-Lively Map, c. 1867; and Tyler's Map, c. 1900 all show Coke's name on these five lots.

At this point there is a gap of about twenty-five years. The Garrett name begins to appear on the James City County Tax Records in 1813 and remains on them until recent years. The presumption is that the Garretts obtained the house and lots directly from the Cokes. ¹However, in 1805 Francis Pierce got five lots "via Coke" (Williamsburg Land Transfers, Virginia State Library). Pierce's name does not appear on the James City County Tax Records. On page 11 of the York County and City of Williamsburg Tax Records Charles Abrahams acquired five lots from Coke in 1806, but his name does not appear again. Neither the insurance nor tax records available add anything to clear up the situation. In the Williamsburg Land Tax, Virginia State Library Archives for the year 1837, Richard Garrett's estate is charged with "2 new buildings recently erected and assessed by the commissioners at \$1200." Could these be buildings on lots 279 and 280? In the same records for the year 1848, Robert M. Garrett obtains a lot "formerly charged to Bellett's est." In 1860 the following is recorded:

"Robert M. Garrett-1 lot known as the Wade Mountforth lot
1 Residence
8 acres in rear of residence formerly
Mrs. Ann Garrett's known as Augustine
Hubbard's lot." (*Ibid.*)

Among the papers found in Tazewell Hall is one with the heading, "A Memory of Williamsburg." From a comparison with the other

papers found there, it is undoubtedly in the handwriting of Mrs. Peyton Randolph Nelson (Susan Garrett). This paper implies that her grandfather was the first Garrett to live in the Coke-Garrett house:

"When I can first remember, we were living in the Garrett House on Nicholson [sic] St in old Williamsburg. Our grandfather had lived there before us with his wife; he was Richard Garrett of Williamsburg son of Richard Garrett of York Co.[1] His wife, our grandmother was Anne Timson Major, (the daughter of Anne Thornton Timson), who we were taught to love for her Christian Character. My father's father died when he was young, and he did not know any thing about the Garrett family beyond his grandfather, and his sons - Our grandfather who lived in the Garrett house had six sons..."

Residents of Williamsburg in the Civil War era have given the following descriptions of the Coke-Garrett house:

"The Garrett house appears now much as it did when the writer was a boy and went to school in the small one room brick house built on the south side of the Academy lot..."(John S. Charles, "Recollections of Williamsburg," p. 49)

"The Garrett house, a long frame house, with the exception of the front porch, which has been slightly changed since its restoration, looks very much today as it did then. The Garretts owned and lived in this house. Beautiful gardens surrounded this estate, as they do now..." (Mrs. Victoria Lee, "Williamsburg in 1861," p. 72.)

"The Lottie Garrett house was not the inherited home of the Garretts. The Garretts were county people. Old Dr. Garrett married a Miss Winder from the Eastern Shore of Virginia, an unusually sweet woman..."(Mrs. Martha Vandegrift, "Williamsburg in 1844," p. 89.)

The following is copied from an ABSTRACT OF TITLE made April 4, 1928, etc. on file in the Accounting Department:

1. LAND BOOK FOR THE YEAR 1865.

"The earliest recorded reference available in the Clerk's Office to this property is in the Land Book for the City of Williamsburg for the year 1865, p. 3. On lines 21 to 25, inclusive, Robert M. Garrett (there erroneously spelled *Garrott*) is charged with various pieces of property, all of the charges being in fee. On line 21, he is charged with property assessed at \$300.00, known as Wade Munford lot, with the notation that the buildings were entirely destroyed. On line 22, he is charged with \$500.00 for property designated as 'formerly Mrs. Ann Garrott,' with a notation that the buildings were entirely destroyed. On line 23, he is charged with property assessed at \$200.00 known as Augustine Hubbard lot. On line 24, he is charged with a residence, the buildings being assessed at \$2,200.00, and the land including buildings, at \$2,800.00, with a notation 'alteration for damages assessed.' On line 25, he is charged with eight acres in read of residence, the assessment being \$800.00. It is difficult to say how many pieces of the property assessed to him in 1865 are in the property described in the caption of this Abstract [lots 279, 280], but I would say that the residence assessed on line 24 and a portion of the eight acres on line 25 comprise the property described in the caption."

2. DEED

"By deed dated May 9, 1866, recorded April 2, 1887, in Deed Book 2, p. 231, Lovey S. Jackson conveyed with general warranty to Robert M. Garrett by the following description

All of her right, title and interest, to-wit, her life estate in a certain house and lot situate, lying and being in the City of Williamsburg containing by estimation an eighth acre and bounded as follows: viz.: on the North, South and West by the premises of Doctor Robert M. Garrett and on the East by the Capitol Landing Road.

NOTE: It is to be observed that this conveyance is to be only of a life estate. I am not able to locate from the records the exact parcel described in the foregoing deed."

3. WILL OF ROBERT M. GARRETT

"By his will, stated in one place to be dated June 23, 1885, and stated in another place to be dated June 23, 1883, probated June 8, 1885, in Williamsburg Will Book No. 1, pp. 377-9, Dr. Robert M. Garrett devised this property. The reference to the date as being June 23, 1885, is obviously an error, as the will was probated prior to that time, and furthermore, there are two codicils to the will, neither affecting the devise of this property, the will and one codicil being dated June 23, 1883, and the second codicil being dated February 14, 1885. The order of probate shows that the will was produced in Court, that there were no subscribing witnesses to same, and that Parkes Slater and William H. E. Morecock testified to the handwriting of the testator and that the will was ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of

Robert M. Garrett. The third item of the will disposes of the real estate as follows:

'Item third. I give and bequeath to my son, Van F. Garrett, the farm of land attached to my present dwelling house in the City of Williamsburg, containing about three hundred acres of land, be the same, more or less, except about seven acres as below and an equal share ("prorata") with my three daughters, *Charlotte, Mary and Susan*, in my present dwelling house, brick office and out-houses with the lot of land adjoining, as bounded on the North by the C. & O. Railroad, on the East by the street leading to the *Captol Landig* [sic] Road to Queen's Creek on the *Wist* [sic] by the lot of land belonging to W. W. Vest, and the jail lot and Dawson's lot and on the South by the Street in front of my dwelling house, the whole is estimated to contain about seven acres more or less to the said Van F. Garrett, Charlotte, Mary and Susan Garrett, to them and their heirs forever together in like *proportions* all of my household and kitchen Furniture, hoping that they will continue to live as now in one family until they change this arrangement by marriage or for other causes.'

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4. DEED

"By deed dated November 9, 1910, recorded November 21, 1910, in Williamsburg Deed Book 6, pp. 43-4, Van F. Garrett and Harriet Garrett, his wife, and Susan G. Nelson and Peyton R. Nelson, her husband, conveyed with general warranty and the usual covenants to Lottie C. Garrett and Mary W. Garrett by the following description: their one-half undivided interest in and to..." [Same seven acres described in Garrett's will, Item 3.]

5. CITY LAND BOOK FOR 1927.

In Williamsburg Land Book for the year 1927 at p. 6, line 28, Misses Lottie and Mary Garrett are charged in fee with a house and four acres of land on East Nicholson Street, the land being assessed at seventeen hundred dollars and buildings at twenty-two hundred dollars, making a total assessment of thirty-nine hundred dollars on which the City levies \$2.75, amounted to \$107.25.

6. DEED

"By deed dated November 7, 1927, recorded November 12, 1927, in Williamsburg Deed Book No. 12, pp. 144-5, Lottie C. Garrett and Mary Winder Garrett, both unmarried, conveyed the property by the description quoted in the caption to William A. R. Goodwin, the conveyance being with general warranty and the usual conveyance to title..."

Further legal history of these lots can be found in the Transcript of Title on file in the Accounting Department.

APPENDIX

Illustration #1 —	Inventories
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Illustration #6 —	Maps

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Footnotes



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May 16, 1713.
Page, Richard - Carpenter
Bruton Parish. to Chermeson, Joseph, dec'd
Claude Rouviere & Eliz. Chermeson
Executors of Joseph Chermeson.

Consideration: 7 pounds.

"All that part or parcell of Land, which y^e s^d Richard formerly sold to y^e s^d Joseph Chermeson dec^d but never sealed or Executed any Conveyance for ye same in the lifetime of y^e s^d Joseph...which s^d Land is computed to contain Twenty five acres, be it more or less, lying near and contiguous to y^e Lands and Plantation which y^e s^d Chermeson dwelled on at and before y^e time of his death, some part thereof lying in y^e s^d County of York and part thereof in y^e County of James City, bounded by lines of marked trees on each side of y^e road which divides y^e counties...and is part of y^e Land, formerly of Richard Page father of y^e s^d Richard..."(Abstract, York County Records, Vol. III - Deeds, Bonds, p. 5.)

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September 11, 1740.

Mundell, John — [Goaler] Williamsburg to Coke, John — Goldsmith Williamsburg.

Consideration: 105 pounds.

"All those three Lotts or half acres of Land with the appurts lying & Being in the City of W^m sburgh... and numbered 361-281-282 which said Lotts...the said John Mundell purchased of W^m Broadnax and all Houses & Out Houses..." (Abstract, York County Records, Book 4 - Deeds, pp. 610-611.)

^ 1 Samuel Coke, one of John's sons, married Judith Brown (daughter of Dr. John Brown and Judith Armistead) on July 17, 1760, (William and Mary Quarterly, First Series, XVIII, 60). According to a reference (Ibid., XVI, 37) he continued his father's profession of jeweller and goldsmith. In "A manuscript Book of Tax Lists for James City County" which contains an index of names for the years 1768-69, Samuel is listed as having two tithes, in 1768, p. 12, (in vault of Goodwin Building). Samuel Coke died in February, 1773. The death notice in the *Virginia Gazette* refers to him as "Keeper of Colonel Burwell's Ferry" and dying at the age of 36 (Purdie & Dixon, February 11, 1773). When he gave up being a goldsmith is not known. His wife advertised a "GRIST MILL convenient to *Williamsburg*, known by the Name of Coke's Mill" for rent (*Virginia Gazette*, Purdie & Dixon, November 18, 1773).

^ 1 In a telephone conversation with Mrs. Van Garrett, November 2, 1945, she stated that she had always heard that the house came into the Garrett family directly from the Cokes.

^ 1 Richard Garrett's will is in Wills and Inventories, XXIII, p. 643, York County Records, and is dated 1804. In this will he does not mention any property in Williamsburg, so his son was probably the first Garrett to own it.

Illustration #1

INVENTORIES

Inventory of Joseph Chermeson's estate found in the York County Records, Book 14 - Orders, Wills, pp. 201-203:

June 16, 1712

Imprimis in ye Living Room	
1 Feather bed & bolster, 2 Pillows, 2 Pillow:Casses, 2 p ^r Sheets, 2 Sett of old blew Curtains & Vallens, 1 old Blankett, 1 Bedstead & Cord, 1 brass Warming:pan, 1 old rug & 1 Bed Matt	6/ 0/0
1 Chest of Drawers, 2 old Looking Glasses, 1 Trunk, Carpett & Towell	1/10/0
1 old Writing:Desk, 2 old Chests & 1 Small Table	0/12/6
1 old Silver Watch out of Order &c.	1/10/0
Cash in y ^e house	3/ 8/0
1½ Ounces broken Silver	0/ 6/0
2 p ^r Spoon Mould & Knippers	1/10/0
1 p ^r small Money scales & W ^{tts} 1 hone, 2 old Razors	0/10/0
1 p ^r French Falls & 1 p ^r Buckles a parcell of Mohair, A plain Iron, a Parcell Buttons, 1 p ^r old gloves, 1 Lock & Key, a parcell of Fish hooks, 1 new Chizell, 1 Iron Tob ^o Pipe, & parcell of other small things	9/ 0/0
1 doz: Tea Cups, 5 old Brushes & 1 Earthern Porringer	0/ 2/6
2 old Perrukes	0/10/0
Table Linnen.	
5 old Table Cloths, 14 old Diaper Napkins, 6 Ozenbrig Napkins, 5 Huckaback do	2/ 5/0
2 p ^r old Holl ^d Sheets, 1 p ^r Cotton Sheets, 3 Ozenbrig Towells & 4 Pillow Cases	2/10/0
1 doz: Leather Chairs, 1 Cane Couch, 1 old Table, & 1 Chair Table	3/ 0/0
1 Writing:Desk w th Drawers & other conveniencys	1/ 5/0
3 old Chests, 1 old Feather bed, bolster & Covering, 1 truckle bedstead, hide, etc.	2/ 5/0
4 drest Dear Skins & 13 y ^{ds} blew Damask Stuff	1/ 7/0

8 y ^{ds} Nar: blew Linnen, 1 old Riding Coat	0/17/6
1 p ^r old Leather Britches w th Silver Buttons	0/13/0
1 old Flannell Shirt, 2 p ^r Flannel britches & a gaging Rodd	0/ 7/0
8 p ^r Men's Shoes, 7 p ^r wom ^s Do	2/ 1/6
3 p ^r Boy's & girl's Shoes	0/ 4/6
1 old Trooping Saddle, 1 p ^r old Pistolls & holsters, a Sword, a Belt a Breast-plate etc	1/ 5/0
1 old Cart & Wheels, 1 old Tumbrell & Wheels, boxes & other Iron Work	2/10/0
A parcell old horse Harness & Collars, 1 old sloop Cable, a hook & fork	0/15/0
In y^e Chambers	
2 old Whip Saws & 8 files	1/ 0/0
3 old Feather Beds, 2 Rugs, 4 Blanketts, 3 old Bolsters	
A Couch bed & 2 bags of feathers, 3 Bedsteads w th Cords, Matts &c.	8/ 0/0
1 Port Mantea hair Trunk & 1 old Chest	0/12/0
8 Hides of Curried Leather & 4 Hides of Sole Leather	4/16/0
5 old Fowling pieces & 1 old [cross] Cutt Saw	1/5/0
1 p ^r Small Stilliard, 2 old Cases & 7 bottles	0/15/0
1 parcell old Iron hoops & other Iron Lumber, 200 half Crown Nails	/15/6
20 lb washed Wool	0/12/6
1 Wyr Ratt Trap, 1 Small Linnen Wheel, 1 old Woolen D ^o	
1 p ^r Wool Cards, 2 p ^r Coopers Compasses &c.	0/10/0
5 Ells Course hemp Linnen & 95 lb drest Hemp	3/ 3/1½
In ye kitchen.	
1 p ^r Andirons, 5 old Spitts, 4 p ^r Iron Fire Tongs, 2 flesh forks, 2 Iron Ladles, 1 frying pan, 1 Skimmer & Bill hook	2/ 6/0
5 Iron Potts & 5 p ^r Pott hooks, 3 p ^r Pott Racks, 2 p ^r Smoothing Irons, 1 Dripping:pan	3/15/0
1 Maid Servant named Eliz ^a Skeimshaw, hath 3 Years & 9 Months to Serve	7/10/0
In ye Milk:house.	
1 Bell Mettle Skillett, 1 old D ^o , 3 Bell Mettle Mortars & 2 Pestles	1/ 5/0
1 brass stew pan & Cover, 2 old brass Skillets, 2 brass Ladles & Skimmer, 6 brass Candlesticks, 2 p ^r brass Candle-snuffers & Snuffer:Sticks, 3 brass Kettles & 1 brass Chafing dish & 2 old brass Kettles	4/ 0/0
1 large p ^r Brass Scales & brass w ^{tts}	0/10/0
A parcell old Pewter	1/ 5/0
13 large Pewter dishes weighing 65 lb	3/ 5/0
2 doz: large Pewter Plates & 23 lesser D ^o	2/11/0
1 Pewter Gallon Pott, 4 old Basons, 4 old dishes, 1 Pewter Bed pan	
1 pewter Serenge, 1 pewter Runlett, 1 pint pott, 1 Gill pott, To pewter Pye Plates, 1 porringer	1/ 5/0
Tinn.	
1 doz: large Tin panns, 1 Tin Tea pott, 5 Patty pans, 1 flower:box, 1 Pepper:box, 1 Tin Mustard box, 2 Tin Dripping-panns, 1 Tin Candle-box	0/16/0
1 doz: Wooden Milk Trays, 2 old Bread Trays, 3 old Tables, 2 Butter-Tubs, 3 old meal Sifters, 1 old Churn, 3 Butter-potts, & salt-box	0/18/0
3 old Powdering-Tubs, 1 old Search, 1 old Cuppard, 2 old Chests	
2 old Tables, 6 old Pailes & Piggins & 3 old Wooden Chairs.	0/12/6
1 ps small <i>[illegible]</i>	-/ 4/-
Cattle and horses. Cattle in ye Cow Penn	41: 7:-
Horses	33.14.-
Cattle and goods at ye ordinary.	24.12.6

List of cattle at quarter called Hottwater	26.15.-
List of Cattle at ye Quarter in ye Maine.	45. 5.-
	260:14: 7½
Tobacco	29. 8. 4

Inventory of David Cuninghams estate found in the York County Records, Book 16 - Orders, Wills, p. 19:

February 20, 1720

15 Wiggs	12/ 2/6
4½ doz. wash balls	0/ 6/9
1 mug and 2 potts of Snuff	0/15/0
A parcel of thread and Ribbons	1/ 0/0
2 Cases of Razors	2/ 0/0
25 old D °	0/12/6
6 Lancets in a Case	0/12/0
10 bottles drops	0/ 6/3
2 pr. Cards and 2 brushes	0/10/0
3 Tables and 6 stools	1/ 5/0
A parcel buttons etc.	0/ 1/6
A box wafers	0/ 2/6
A parcel of hair	1/ 0/0
A parcel of Curling pipes	0/ 5/0
A looking Glass and Cop r pott	0/ 7/0
3 hones 3 basons & 2 brushes	0/10/0
List of servants	
1 Sq r Table	
1 writing Desk	2/ 5/0
1 doz. leather Chairs	4/16/0
1 doz. Cane D ° & I Elbo	4/ 0/0
A parcel of Lumber	0/ 9/0
1 oval Table	1/ 5/0
1 pr. small Iron Doggs	1/ 0/0
1 pr. brass doggs and lumber	1/ 0/0
1 large folding Table	2/10/0
1 warming pan	0/ 7/6
5 Candle wicks	0/ 5/0
6 old Chairs	0/ 2/6
1 large Cupboard	1/ 5/0
2 decanters	0/ 3/0
1 old Chest of Drawers looking Glass & 2 scones	1/ 5/0
3 old Scales and 1 pr. baggs	0/10/0
A parcel of old Lumber	0/ 5/0
4 beds and furniture	17/ 0/0
1 chest & 6 Iron latches	0/10/0
2 pr. Shoes, 3 pr. Stockings	1/ 2/0
1 pc. strip Holland	1/ 2/6

12 yds. chex, 1 p. Sco. Cloth	1/15/0
11 Napkins 2 Table Cloths	1/10/0
1¼ yds. muslin 2 wind ° Curtains	0/ 5/6
2¼ y ^{ds} muslin	0/ 5/0
1 suit druggit Cloths	3/10/0
4 old Casks & Some Tob ° pipes	0/ 5/0
1 hamer Gimblet & drawing knife	0/ 7/6
List of cows	
List of slaves	
1 lanthorn, bellows and Cullinder	0/ 3/10½
4 pr. tongs & 2 Shovells	0/ 7/6
1 warming pan	0/ 6/0
1 ham ^r and 4 pr. Snuffers	0/ 3/10
1 pr. old boots and 1 pr. slippers	0/ 5/0
1 Chafing Dish and Grid Iron	0/ 4/0
1 large bason 1 skimmer	0/ 5/0
1 brass mortar	0/ 3/0
1 old Spade	0/ 1/0
1 large Glass bottle	0/ 2/0
1 stone D ° 1 old flaggon	0/ 1/9
2 brass Kettles	3/10/0
1 Spitt, 1 flesh fork	0/ 5/0
1 mugg	0/ 1/6
2 iron pots and hooks	0/15/0
1 pot Rack	0/ 2/0
2 beds 2 pillows 1 quilt	8/5/0
3 old Sheets 3 Turn Overs	0/10/0
1 pr. large money Scales	0/12/6
A parcel of pewter	1/ 9/6
80 lbs. hair powder	2/10/0
32 Ounces, 4d ^{wt} old silver a4/	6/ 8/9
15 penny w ^t 6 Gr ^s old gold	3/1/0
1 Snuff box	1/ 5/0
1 old watch	2/10/0
Cash in the house	12/ 5/
2 Saws & 2 harrows	1/ 0/0
	£311/19/8

Inventory of John Mundell's estate found in the York County Records, Book 20 - Wills and Inventories, p. 156.

**"Inventory & Appraisal of the Estate of John Mundell late
of York County dec^d "**

1 Cart 70/. 1 D ° 10/	£ 4.. 0..0
1 Plough 15/. 2 p ^r Iron Harness & Cart Saddle 15/	1..10..0
10 Conr £15 - 3 yearlings 37/6	16..17..6
1 old white Horse 20/ 1 Grey Horse £4 -	5.. 0..0
1 Sorrell Stallion	8..12..0

12 Leather Chairs & 3 Cane D ^o	3.. 0..0
1 large Walnut Table 20/ 4 Tables 12/6	1..12..6
3¾ blue Cloth 1½ black with trimings for a Suit	5...0..0
1 Wheel Barrow 2/6. 45 to old Iron at 1 ^d	0...6..3
34 Bushels of Oats at 12 ^d	1..14..0
43 h ^d of Hopps at 15 ^d	2..13..9
1 Iron Pestle of Mortar 5/. a Peck 5/	0..10..0
Churn & 3 Pails 7/6 Grindstone 4/	0..11..6
a Set of Iron Box's 6/. 2 Spades 1 Ax 7/6	0..13..6
a Copper Kettle 50/. 3 Iron Potts 20/.	3..10..0
Warming Pan 5/. Brass Skillett 2/6	0...7..6
Pair Stilyards 2 Bayonets & 2 Steels	0..10..0
Spit Fleshfork & great Knife 4/. potrack 2/6	0...6..6
Looking Glass	0...7..6
2 Beer Casks 5/. parcel old Casks and Tubbs 5/.	0..10..0
1 Feather bed with old Quilt of Yell ^o furniture bedstead)	
Ironrods old Blanket)	6...0..0
small Canvass Bed & bolster & Bedstead	1...0..0
1 old Bed & old Quilt & Bedstead	1..10..0
1 other D ^o with green Rug	2...0..0
Portmantua Trunk 2/6 Saddle & Portmantua 2/6	0...5..0
Tin Milkpans 4/. Stone pot 15 ^d	0...5..3
25 h ^d old Pewter at 7 ^d - 14/.7 - brass stew pan 5/.	0..19..7
bottles 3/. old Candlesticks 2/6. 500 Clapboards 25/.	1..10..6
feet of framing Stuff at £3 [per]	3...0..0
[Servants]	
p ^r Pistols & Holster Caps 30/. Hanger 2/6	1..12..6
Duffil Coat 10/. Hatt 5/. parcel old Cloaths 15/.	1..10..0
D ^e canter 2/. parcel Wheat 5/. Safe 7/6. Chest 7/6	1...2..0
[Tobacco & fodder]	
	£235.16.0

James Shi *[illegible]*

Jenny Wetherburn

Jos. Davenport

Returned into York County Court the 21st day of August 1749 and Ordered to be Recorded...

Inventory of John Coke's estate found in the York County Records, Book 21 — Wills & Inventories, pp. 381-384 [abstract]

Entered February 13, 1768

—	
1 Punch Ladle, 1 Walnut Cupboard	1/17/6
1 Punch , 1 Pine do. 1 looking Glass	1/17/6
1 oval Black Walnut Table, 2 pine Tables	2/ 5/0
22 Knives, 48 forks, 1 Corner Table	1/ 5/0
1 Candle Stand, 12 Leather Chairs	2/ 0/0
1 old Mare, 14 old Rush bottom Chairs	0/19/0
1 old Table, 4 pair flat Irons	1/ 2/6

1 Warming Pan and Trivet, 1 Safe	1/ 2/6
25 Candle Moulds and 2 Stands	1/17/6
1 Looking Glass, 3 Butter Pots	0/17/6
2 Guns, 1 pr. Tarniers, 1 Gumblet, 1 Lanthorn	1/ 7/6
5 Reap Hooks 1 pr. Hand Irons & Tongs	0/12/6
1 pr. Scales and Weights 12 Tin Cannisters	0/15/6
1 pr. Cotton Cards 4 Brushes 1 pr. Money Scales parcel old Mats 1 Hammer	0/15/0
1 Case with 9 Bottles 3 Jugs 1 Pickle Pott Wheat Seive Butchers	
Steel & 4 pair Sheep Shears 1 old Sword	1/15/0
1 Pair Garden Sheers Lime Squeezer	0/ 4/3
2 Sugar Canisters 2 Sythe Stones	0/ 5/0
1 Bed, Bedstead Rug, Pillow pr. Sheets & Pillow Case	6/ 0/0
1 Desk, parcel of Books Walnut Table 12/6	4/12/6
1 Writing Desk 1 Close stool Chair	1/10/0
1 old Trunk and Box	0/ 5/0
79 Barrels_____	35/ 0/0
2 pair Hand_____1 Bed Quilt and blanket Counterpin, bedstead Pillow & Curtains	7/10/0
1 Pine Table_____	0/12/6
1 Bed, Bedstead_____Pillow Rug, Blanket	6/ 0/0
1 bed, bedstead, 2_____	6/ 0/0
1 Square Table_____	5/ 2/6
1 Spinning_____	0/10/6
1 Spinning_____	1/ 8/0
1 old Trunk_____	1/10/0
18 Pewter Dishes and 1 Cover	5/ 0/0
7 Pewter Basons 1 Water Plate	1/ 0/0
7 Pewter Pots and Cullender	1/ 0/0
7 Doz ⁿ Pewter Plates Parcel old Pewter	7/10/0
13 Brass Candlesticks 4 Iron d ^o , 4 pr. Snuffers	2/15/0
5 Copper Coffee Pots, 3 Tea Kettles, 1 Chocolate Pot	1/ 0/0
3 Chafing Dishes, 1 Cheese Toaster	0/10/0
4 China Bowls 23 China Saucers 21 Cups 8 Chocolate Cups	3/ 0/0
7 Tea Pots 5 Milk Pots 2 Slop Bowls	0/12/6
2 Mahogany Tea Boards Mugs	0/10/0
10 White stone Dishes 12 Stone Plates	1/ 1/0
6 Delph Dishes and 6 Plates 31 Custard Cups	0/10/0
2 Cruit stands 3 Butter boats 4 Glass Tumblers	0/16/0
23 Wine Glasses 1 Glass Decanter	0/13/0
3 Sugar Dishes 4 Pair Glass Salts	0/ 6/0
7 Butter Pots 23 Milk Pans 18 fat Pots	2/16/0
15 Tin Pattipans Tin Toaster 1 Dish	0/10/0
2 Square Black Walnut Tables	2/15/0
1 large Oval D ^o , 1 smaller do.	5/ 5/0
1 D ^o 2 Pine D ^o	1/10/0
1 Square Walnut d ^o - 1 Doz ⁿ Walnut Chairs	6/12/6
2 Beds Bedsteads 2 Rugs 2 Counterpains 2 Blankets 2 Hides 2 Pillows	14/ 0/0

2 Beds Bedsteads, 2 Counterpins, _____rugs, 2 Blankets, _____pillows	15/ 0/0
1 Bed Bedstead, 2 pillows, 1 counterpin, 1 rug	8/ 0/0
3 Pair hand Irons_____	1/ 0/0
1 Doz ⁿ Rush Bottom_____	0/18/0
1 Square Pine_____	0/10/6
_____	_____
1 Bedstead 28 pairs Sheets	28/ 5/0
10 Damask Table Cloaths, - 6 Huckaback D °	14/10/0
6 Ozenbrigs Table Cloaths 1 white Linnen d °	1/ 7/6
10 Ozenbrigs Towels, 16 Pillow Cases, 6 old Linnen Towels	2/ 7/4
2 Counterpins	1/15/0
List of slaves	
1 large Copper Kettle Fish Kettle	9/ 0/0
1 pair large Hand Irons 6 Iron Pots	5/15/0
1 Copper Dutch oven 3 Spits	2/15/0
1 Skillet Stewpan Kettle and Saucepan	0/15/0
20 Water Tubs and Pales 3 frying Pans	1/17/6
5 Pair Pot-books Grid Iron 2 dripping Pans	1/12/16
1 Pair Tongs Skimmer and Flesh fork	0/ 5/0
2 Mortars 5 Wooden Trays	0/12/6
4 Pot Racks 6 Axes 3 Spades	2/ 5/0
7 Hoes Garden Rake, 2 Forks	1/ 2/6
A parcel old _____old Tubs 1 Iron Cleaver	0/ 7/6
3 old Saddles 2 ox Chaine	2/ 0/0
2½ Gross Bott	5/ 7/6
1 Brass Kettle	1/ 5/0
	£772/18/1

This inventory was found among the papers collected in Tazewell Hall. It is probably in the writing of Susan Garrett (Mrs. Peyton Randolph Nelson) and is an inventory of the Garrett House. We can be sure of this as her sisters never lived at Tazewell Hall and the inventory refers to "Mary's room" and "Lottie's room."

Dining room.

1 Carpet. 3 rugs - 2 pr. curtains - portieres. Franklin stool and pr brass andirons - 2 pr tongs 1 poker, 1 shovel; 1 folding fender. over mantel 1 Yeardley glass. 1 Mahogany sideboard - 1 liquor case with marble top. writing desk - dining table with 4 leafs - 2 half round tables - (part of old Page table) 1 candle stand - another round candle stand - 1 corner press. 1 workstand 1 large sofa (with 4 pillows) 3 arm chairs. 6 dining room chairs - all of these mahogany - 1 lamp. 2 plaques over mantel.

Pictures — 1 Capt. Garrett. 2 old Garrett Home. 3 Rev. Dashield - 4 Silhoetts of Winder family. 5 View of Mt Hood. 6 & 7 Ditto 8 sketch of river 9 large water color of Niagira 10, 11 views from Idaho. 12 & 13 Cathedrals from England 14 Pilgrimage to Canterbury 15 Dr. Van F. Garrett 16 Church & home of Winders at Lorton England. 17 Washington & family at Mt. Vernon. 18, 19 Views from England - 20, 21, 22-3 three views of W, & M. college. 23 King George & Mary. 24 Aunt Mary Winder - 25 Dr. R. M. Garrett - 26 & 27 over Mantel Lady Stanhope & Nellie Custis. 28 King Edward. 29 Queen Alexandria - 30 Dr. Robert Garrett - 31 Bishop Randolph — 32 Jamestown tower — 33 Smithfield Church. 34 St John's Church. 35 First Peace Conference - 36 Bruton Church. 37, 38, 39 - are Shakespeare, his home, and epetaph.

On sideboard Silver — 1 urn 1 Sugar bowl 1 spoon holder. 1 Creamer. 1 butter dish 1 sauce pitcher 1 bowl. 1 small waiter 1 pickle dish 1 crum waiter with scrapes. bonbon dish - fern dish. wedge wood jar & Japanese jar.. 1 large crocheted mat on table 1 glass bowl - on small side board on liquor case, 2 finger bowls 3 glasses 1 pitcher.

Parlor—

1 carpet 1 rug. 3 pr. curtains. 3 shades— 1 pier table marble top. 1 peano. 4 small tables 1 tea table 1 centre table marble top. 2 diavans 2 rocking chairs 10 chairs - all mahogany 1 wicker rocker. 2 small fancy chairs with cain seats 1 et 1 peano stool 1 music book 1 brass fender 1 coal hod. 1 poker. 1 fire screne

Pictures - Oil 1 Dr Garrett 2 Samuel Timson 3 his wife - 4 panel roses. water color - 4 small pictures - crayon 8 Dr Winder Great grand father - grand father 9 Dr John Winder - 10 Mary Winder 11 Comfort wife of Dr John Winder. Ornaments — 1 Wax flowers under glass. 1 candel stick - 1 clock 1 glass vase 1 bronze vase. 1 writing disk. Shell box 10 shells. Longfellow and his home - on teatable - 2 plates 8 cups and saucers tea caddy tea Kettle 1 creamer. 1 Sugar bowl 1 bell. 3 linen mats. 2 lamps in room 1 standing and 1 parlor lamp on centre table

Hall

1 carpet. 2 colonial chairs 1 hall chair (walnut) 1 table 1 candle stand 1 hatrack all mahogany - 3 small tables 1 screne.

Pictures, Washington. Monroe. 2 of Lee 3 of Winders 1 Dr. Garrett, Colonial Dame paper of Membership - Mary's - A. P. V. A. paper of membership - Lottie's - Indian curios 2 pr leggings 1 men's 1 women's. 2 pappoose boards. bow & arrow - 1 pipe - belonged to Chief 4 Indian pictures

Pictures 2 of flags 1 Capt. Garrett and others of Gen. Forest's staff. 2 lamps 1 water cooler Picture of faculty of W. & M. Copy of "Roses no where bloom so bright." and of "Who entereth here" other Indian curios - Mocka pitcher & vase 1 bag. 1 Knife case 1 water bottle 1 pincussion

Guest Room.

Mahogany furniture - 1 beadstead with 1 feather mattress & 1 hair mattress 2 pillows 1 bureau. 1 washstand. 1 wardrobe. 1 desk. 1 Rocker. 1 White chair - a winsar painted over 3 chairs of walnut. 1 pitcher 1 basin 1 slop jar 1 soap tray 1 toothbrush holder 1 cup.

1 coal hod. 1 fire screne 1 stand to attach to grate to set Kettle on. 1 stand with tongs, poker & shovel 3 lamps — One old fashion glass over mantel pictures —

Hall -

1 table (the Page table) 1 Chair 1 hatrack.

Gentleman's guest chamber.

Furniture mahogany 1 bureau 1 bedstead 1 washstand 2 tables — Chairs 2 cainseat chairs — 2 rockers - 1 small stand 1 large glass over mantel. China basin 2 pitchers soap tray cup & tooth brush cup drugget. rug. 2 pr curtains

Mary's room.

Mahogany furniture 1 beadstead with feather & hair mattresses - 1 wardrobe 1 bureau. 1 washstand with pitcher (handle broken) basin 2 little pitchers 1 cup. 4 tables 1 desk 3 chairs & 2 rockers 1 towel rack 1 cob - old glass over desk fender brass andirons - 1 carpet 2 rugs 3 pr curtains 5 keys 1 in wardrobe 2 in bureau 1 in desk. 1 slop jar. Pictures Gov Winder. Bishop Randolph. Luther & family. Bruton Church 2 from Eastern Shore. 4 small water colors & others -

Long room.

Mahogany table with large glass in gilt frame. 1 brass beadstead - 1 wardrobe 1 wash stand 1 bureau 1 stand 1 small round table wicker, — little stool 2 rockers 1 chair. 1 carpet 39 pictures.

Lottie's room

Furniture oak - 1 bureau. 1 washstand. 1 beadstead 2 mattresses - 2 pillows 1 towel rack - 4 chairs 2 rockers 1 fender 1 pr brass andirons 1 round table 1 carpet 1 rug. brachet, tongs 1 shoe box 1 peano Stool -

Hall room & little hall

2 wardrobes 1 sofa 2 tables one in little hall with book case. 4 chairs 1 lamp pictures Winder pedigree on stairway 2 pictures of faculty. 3 others 1 hall runner & stair carpet.

Middle room

2 tables 1 wood box 1 old fashion washstand towel rack small rug.

Bath Room

fixtures - looking glass & chair.

Illustration #2

TAX RECORDS OF GARRETT'S

Name	Year	Lots	Value of Bldgs.	Value of Lots	Annual Value	Tax	Value of Lots and Bldgs.
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Richard Garrett	1813	10			\$110	\$2.28.8	
Richard Garrett	1814	10			\$110	\$3.4.7	
Garrett Richard	1815	10			110		
Richard Garrett	1816	10			110	\$3.30	
Garrett, Richard	1817	10			110		
Garrett Richard	1818	10			110	[3.80]	
Garrett Richard	1819	10			110	3 30	
Garrett Richard	1820	1	\$1000	\$1200		3	
Garrett Richard	1820	1	150	210		30	
Garrett Richard	1823	1	\$1000				\$1200
Garrett Richard	1824	1	\$1000				1200
Garrett Richard's Est	1825	1	\$1,000			2 03	1200
Garrett, Richard's Es ^t	1828-38	1	\$1,000			[2 03]	1200
Garrett, Robert M.	1838	1	\$2,200	"Heretofore charged to the est. of Richard Garrett dec ^d "		3 25	2400
Garrett, Robert M.	1840	1	\$2200			3 25	2400
Garrett, Robert M.	1843	1	2200			4 68	2400
Garrett, Robert M.	1846	1	\$2200				\$2400
Garrett, Robert M.	1847	1	\$2200			3 12	\$2400
Garrett, Robert M.	1848	1	\$2000				\$2400
		1	\$2500				\$2700
Garrett, Ro: M.	1850	1	2,200	2 lots		3 12	\$2400
Garrett, Ro: M.		1	700	2 lots		2 40	1200
[Garrett, Ro: M.]	1852	Same as 1850					
Garrett, Robert M.	1854	1	\$2,400	2 lots		6 00	\$3000
Garrett, Robert M.		1	\$1,000	2 lots		3 00	1500
	1855	Same as 1854.					
Garrett, Robert M.	1859	1	\$ 600	5 lots		3 60	900
Garrett, Robert M.	1859	1	2700	5 lots		13 20	3300

Garrett, Robert M.		1	—	5 lots		3 20	800
Garrett, Robert M.		1	\$1,000	5 lots		6 00	1500
Garrett, Robert M.		1	—	5 lots		80	200
[Garrett, Robert M.]	1860	1	\$2700				3300
		(residence Lot)					
		8 acres in rear of residence		\$800			
		1	\$1000	formerly Mrs. Ann Garrett's			1500
Garrett, Robert M.	1861	1	600			\$ 3.60	900
Garrett, Robert M.		1	2700			13.20	3300
Garrett, Robert M.			1			3.20	800
Garrett, Robert M.		1	1000			6.00	1500
Garrett, Robert M.		1	1000			.80	200

Illustration #3

SWEENEY'S LEDGER

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1832	Garrett Ro: Doct ^r	[Folio]	[Dollars]	[Cents]
Oct. 6	Cleaning Blue dress coat making velvet vest	103		50
			1	25
Dec ^r 1	D ^o Black coat	112	6	00
	D ^o D ^o pants	112	1	25
	D ^o D. Breasted vest	112	1	75
			\$10.75	
May 27	To making pare Black pants	135	1.50	
June 1	To making bumberras vest	136	1.50	
[Other side of page]				
	Contra			
			\$ cts	
1833 January 8	By Cash		10.75	

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Garrett Richard

1832		[Folio]	\$	
Nov. 24	making Black coat	110	6	00
	D ^o D Breasted vest		1	75
	D ^o pantertoons		1	25
			\$9.00	
			\$ cts	

Feb. 13	To Making pare Black pants	121	1.50	
28	To butting round Jacket pants [illegible]	125	62½	
May 3	To making silk Vest	130	1.50	
	To butting round Jacket parts [illegible]		02½	
18	To Making pare Black pants	133	1.50	
July 3	To Black frock coat	140	7.00	
			\$12.75	
[Other side of page]				
	Contra		\$ cts	
January 8	by old a/c.		1.00	
	a/c [illegible] bill against doct.		1.00	
	By Cash.		7 00	
			\$9.00	

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Robert Anderson Account Books
Day Book No. 5, p. 50
Virginia Historical Society

April 22, 1815

Richard Garrett dr To Sundries	
Merchandise - 295 feet of plank lent him -	6.27
Cash account - paid his account in ful	31.46
Sundries dr To Richard Garrett	
Merchandise for his account against Wright's house	2.84
Richard Garrett dr To Merchandise	
11 posts 275.30 oak rails 500'	7.75
6 posts 150 - 15 rails 250'	4."

Illustration #4

Nicholson St. Boundary

REPORT ON THE RESTORATION OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS by PERRY, SHAW & HEPBURN

June 16, 1942

Encroachments

"Since the `bounds' of the Capitol were established by law in 1704... many encroachments inside these limits have occurred, all of them but one subsequent to 1782. That one, as established by the Frenchman's Map, includes the group of buildings in the extreme North East corner now known as the Coke-Garrett House...

...

"The most serious encroachment of all is that by the City of Williamsburg, namely that portion of Nicholson Street which detours around the Prison within the lines of the Capitol Grounds.

"It is clearly evident that in the 18th Century, the junction of Nicholson Street across the Capitol Grounds was neither carried out nor even considered.

...

"Apparently, however, the extreme easterly end of Nicholson Street in front of the Coke-Garrett House to its junction with Waller

Street was established about the middle of the 18th Century..."

Illustration #5

Historical Notes

BRUTON CHURCH HISTORICAL NOTES by Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin

The parish records of Bruton Church list the following births:

- Richard, John and Sarah Coke, 1739 [pp. 121-122]
- Robey, John and Sarah Coke, 1745 [p. 123]
- Judith, Samuel and Judith Coke, 1763 [p. 126]
- Sarah, Samuel and Judith Coke, 1765 [p. 126]
- John, Samuel and Judith Coke, 1762 [p. 127]

Persons who had slaves baptized:

- Coke, Saml, 1762, 1 [p. 155]

Pew Number 30 rented to R. M. Garrett, forty-five dollars, 22 May 1840 [p. 59]

R. M. Garrett member of Vestry, April 13, 1853 [p. 60]

Dr. Robert Garrett member of Vestry, October 1865 [p. 61]

Names Engraved on Tomb-Stones in Bruton Church and Church Yard, with Date of Death [pp. 115-116]:

- Robert Major Garrett, 1885, and Susan C. Winder, his wife, 1854
- Henry Winder Garrett, 1879
- Robert Winder Garrett, 1838
- Comfort Anna Garrett, 1854
- S. C. Garrett, 1878

Vestrymen from 1827-1853, Doctor R. M. Garrett [p. 120]

Vestrymen from 1865-1903, Doctor Robert Garrett, Van F. Garrett [p. 120]

GARRETT FAMILY OF YORK CO. AND WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

(In the handwriting of Miss Mary W. Garrett, on file in Department of Research)

"Dr Robert Major Garrett of Williamsburg who lived in the old 'Garrett Home,' in that city stated that he knew nothing beyond his Father's and his grandfather's lines of our branch of the Garrett family—"

"Richard Garrett of York Co. whose will is on file in York Hampton Parish mentions his wife but does not give her name — Children Richard — Robert — Elizabeth — William — Edmund — Polly — Willay — Thomas — in the family records another son John is mentioned as brother to Richard of W^{ms} burg"

"Richard Garrett of Williamsburg Son of Richard G. of York Co b. June 15 1780 d. 1823 m. Ann Timson Major *—Children ¹ Robert Major Garrett ² Richard R. Garrett. ³ Thomas Thornton G. d. young — ⁴ Samuel Major d. young - ⁵ Benjeman T. Garrett — ⁶ Alexander C. Garrett - ⁷ William Garrett d young."

"Dr Robert Major Garrett of Williamsburg, Va oldest son of Richard Garrett and Ann Timson Major, was b. March 9th 1808. d. May 18th 1885. He graduated in medicine in Philadelphia — practised medicine in Williamsburg and the plantations around the city — was for many years assistant Superintendent at the State Hospital and one time superintendent there — he was for many years Sr warden of old Bruton Parish Church — where his ancestors the Timsons, had served in the vestry for generations before him.

He was many times Mayor of Williamsburg —

Dr Robert M. Garrett m June 3rd 1835 Susan Comfort Winder dau Dr John Harmanson Winder of Northampton Co of the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Comfort Quinton Gore *—his wife Children

¹ Robert Major Garrett d infant — ² William N Robertson Garrett — Comfort Anna - d age 12 Susan Winder d young — Henry Winder — Van F. Garrett — Charlotte Comfort Gore Garrett — Mary Winder Garrett — Susan Comfort Garrett —

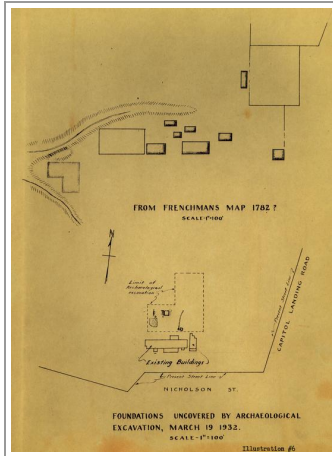
William Robertson Garrett oldest son of Dr Robt Garrett and Susan Winder his wife took A. M. at William & Mary College at a very early age — he studied law at the University of Va; and was a Capt. in the Confederate Service and on Gen. Forest's Staff — he

was Professor of History in the Peabody Normal College of Nashville Tenn. where he afterwards became Dean — Editor of the Magazine of History with Dr Goodpasture — he was a prominent educator in the state of Tenn. had the degree of P. H. D. conferred upon him — His confederate record is in the Confederate Veteran Magazine, March 1904 P 127. and some account of his work in the New World Encyclopedia — he m Julia Flournoy Batte dau of Dr Batte of Pulaski Tenn and his accomplished wife Julia Field — Mrs Garrett was gifted with a most beautiful voice in singing...[rest missing]"

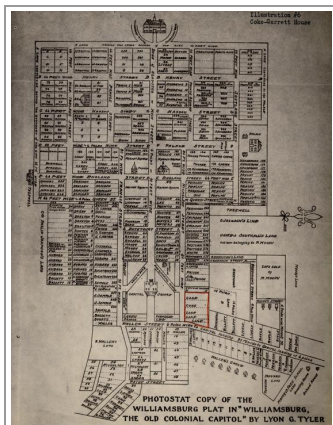
Illustration #6

Maps

Mr. Knight of the Architectual Department said that archaeological evidence does not match the Frenchman's Map. The Frenchman's Map shows two buildings there. Digging was done only on outhouses. (October 29, 1945)



FROM FRENCHMAN'S MAP 1782?



PHOTOSTAT COPY OF THE WILLIAMSBURG PLAT IN "WILLIAMSBURG, THE OLD COLONIAL CAPITOL" BY LYON G. TYLER

Footnotes

^ ** Ann Timson Major was dau. of Capt. Samuel and Ann Thornton Timson — Samuel Timson was descended from the emigrant Samuel Timson who m Mary Juxon dau. of John Juxon & Margaret Dennet — John Juxon was kinsman to Arch Bishop Juxon brother to the Bishop of London — Mary Juxon's neice Ann Whitfield m Archabald Campbell afterwards Duke of Argyle —"

^ ** The Sharples pictures of Comfort Quinton Gore, and members of the Winder family are in the possession of the Garretts of Williamsburg — Susan C. Winder on her mothers side was descended from the Upshurs Custics, of Gen. John Custic of Arlington line, from Thomas Teagle who m Margaret Nelson dau of Robt Nelson & Marg Temple Robert Nelsons lines are traced by Mr Upshur (Thomas T.) back to 12 Century when he was Lord Mayor of London — Marg Temple Mr Upshur states was sister the 1st Governor of Canada whose records are traced to Leofric and Godiva. and I think are carried back to Alfred the Great — On her fathers side Mrs. Garrett was descended from Sir George Yeardeley, and [rest missing]"